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No. 82. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Military Department, dated 18th March 1857.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel W. G. WOODS, Adjutant General of the Army; to Colonel C. A. BROWNE, Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated 17th March 1857, No. 255.

SIR,

I have the honor by order of the Commander in Chief, to forward for submission to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council the accompanying letter from the Officer Commanding Sappers and Miners, dated the 28th Ultimo, No. 81, with its enclosures, relative to Corporal Mackay of the Sappers and Miners removed from the Department of Public Works for continued habits of intemperance.

The Commander in Chief entirely coinciding in the opinion expressed that men of intemperate habits are not fit for the Sapper Corps, begs that the Statement of evidence against Corporal Mackay applied for in letter of the 18th Ultimo, No. 159 may be furnished to this Department.

Referred to the Department of Public Works.

By order.

(Signed) C. A. BROWNE, Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

No. 83. ORDER THEREON, No. 583; dated 31st March 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer, who is requested to expedite the transmission of the Statement called for in the Extract Minutes Consultation, dated 4th March 1857, No. 425.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

No 81

To

The Adjutant General
of the Army
Fort St. George

Sir

1 I have the honor to inform you that I have received the Minutes of Consultation No 242 dated 2nd February 1857 of which the enclosed is a Copy from the District Engineer

2 Not having received any Orders from His Excellency the Commander in Chief in Corporal Mackeys name in the Gazette up to this date,- pending Orders from your Office, I have felt it my duty to decline receiving him back upon the strength of the Corps.

3 I beg leave to state that the remanding of drunken Characters to the Corps has been found to be most prejudicial to the welfare of the European Sappers doing duty with it: it is putting before them the worst examples possible, and as they are hereafter intended to fill posts of responsibility as Overseers, Sub Engineers &c in the Department of Public Works, it is in my humble opinion, of essential Consequence that such Contamination should be as far removed from them as possible.-

4 I would therefore respectfully suggest that when it is necessary to dismiss from the Department Public Works such a besotted Character as Corporal Mackey appears to be, he should be at once remanded

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No. 242

Extract from the minutes of Consultation under date the 2nd. February 1857

Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer dated 26th. January 1857 No. 94 & 6.

Read the following letter from Captain F.H. Rundall District Engineer Godavery Division to Colonel C.C. Fabre Chief Engineer dated Camp at Doulaishwaram 15th. January 1857. No. 29

Sir,

I regret to have to bring to your notice that Assistant Overseer Mackey has by Continued intemperance brought himself into such a feeble state of health as to totally unfit (independent of his insobriety) for the Department of Public Works. A period of two months has elapsed since he was brought into Hospital in the last stage of Delirium Tremens and he is still so feeble that the Doctor says it will be a long time before he is fit for any work again I would therefore beg to represent the propriety of his being removed from the Department

Resolved to forward to Government Copy of the foregoing letter No. 29 dated 15th. Instant from the District Engineer Godavery Division with the Chief Engineers recommendation that Assistant Overseer Mackey be removed from the Public Works Depart

Military Department

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
held at the Horse Guards on the 18th March 1857.

Present
His Royal Highness Field Marshal
The Commander in Chief
The Duke of Cambridge K.G.

Read the following letter
from the Inspector General of Fortifications
No 255. dated 16th March 1857
addressed to the Secretary at War
and referred by him to the Commander in Chief
for the consideration of the Board.

Sir,

I have the honor by order of the Commander in Chief, to forward for submission to the Right Honorable the Board of Ordnance the accompanying letter from the Officer commanding Sappers and Miners dated the 25th Ultimo No 81, with its inclosures, relative to the temporary attachment of the Sappers and Miners removed from the Department of Public Works for confirmed habits of intemperance.

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Ordnance Office

Read 17th March 1857
Ordered to forward a Copy of the
Memorandum of Consultation No 242 dated 2nd
February 1857 to the Board. Minister and Surveyor
General Ordnance
Chatham 9th February 1857
Sir
I have the honor to transmit herewith for the information of the Board of Ordnance a Copy of a Letter from Lieut. Colonel Pasley C.B. Commanding Royal Engineer Establishment Chatham dated the 5th instant with its Inclosure, relative to the Conduct of Sergeant Major Thomas Cain
I am Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
(signed) J. H. Lefroy
Colonel
Inspector General of Fortifications
To
The Secretary at War

Sir
I have the honor to forward herewith for the information of the Board of Ordnance a Report from Sergeant Major Thomas Cain of the Royal Engineer Establishment Chatham, dated the 3rd instant, stating that he has been informed by Sergeant Major Thomas Hollows that he has been offered a Bribe of Twenty Pounds by Mr Thomas Adams of Chatham to induce him to recommend the Discharge of Mr Adams from the Royal Engineer Establishment Chatham
I am Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
(signed) R. Pasley
Lieut. Colonel
Commanding Royal Engineers
Chatham

The Commander in Chief entirely coincides in the opinion expressed that even of intemperate habits are not fit for the Sapper Corps, begs that the statement of evidence against Corporal MacKay applied for in letter of the 18th Ultimo No 157 may be furnished to this Department.

Adjt Genl's Office
Fort Saint George
17th March 1857

/Sgd/ W. G. Wood Lt Col
Adjutant General
of the Army

Returned to the Department
of Public Works.

By Order
/Sgd/ C. A. Browne Cpl
Secretary to Genl

To
The Department Public Works.

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No 568

Extract from the
Minutes of Consn in the
Military Department.

Dated 18th
Rec'd 20th } March
2 Encls. } 1857

Referring a letter
from the Adjt Genl of the
Army, forwarding one from
the Officer Commg Sappers &
Miners, relative
to Corporal Mackay,
recommended from the Dept
of Pub: Works for contin-
ued habits of intem-
perance.

Ordered, that the Chief Engr
be requested
to express the Commissioners
displeasure at
the continued habits of intemperance
of Corporal Mackay
of the Sappers & Miners.

By Command
W. Lambert Secy
No 583 31st March

No 583

Ordered to be communicated
to the Chief Engr, who is requested
to express the Commissioners displeasure at the
continued habits of intemperance of
Corporal Mackay of the Sappers & Miners.

By Command
[illegible]

Fort St George
31st March 1857

No 5283.

2 Copies to the Chief Engr Offg 1st April

Ancl. being Extract Consultation Book of 31st March 1857 Nos 568 & 583